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H.B. No. 3038

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the explanatory reports issued by the district
representatives in groundwater management areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 36.108(d-3), Water Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(d-3) After the earlier of the date on which all the
districts have submitted their district summaries or the expiration
of the public comment period under Subsection (d-2), the district
representatives shall reconvene to review the reports, consider any
district's suggested revisions to the proposed desired future
conditions, and finally adopt the desired future conditions for the
management area. The desired future conditions must be adopted as a
resolution by a two-thirds vote of all the district
representatives. The district representatives shall produce a
desired future conditions explanatory report for the management
area and submit to the development board and each district in the
management area proof that notice was posted for the joint planning
meeting, a copy of the resolution, and a copy of the explanatory
report. The report must:

- (1) identify each desired future condition;
- (2) provide the policy and technical justifications
for each desired future condition;
- (3) include documentation that the factors under

Subsection (d) were considered by the districts and a discussion of how the adopted desired future conditions impact each factor;

(4) include an assessment of the brackish groundwater resources of the management area, categorized by salinity level;

(5) demonstrate that the adopted desired future condition achieves a balance between the highest practicable level of groundwater production and the conservation and preservation of groundwater;

(6) ~~[(4)]~~ list other desired future condition options considered, if any, and the reasons why those options were not adopted; and

(7) ~~[(5)]~~ discuss reasons why recommendations made by advisory committees and relevant public comments received by the districts were or were not incorporated into the desired future conditions.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.